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# News Release

## **ICE ARRESTS “ZUCCHINI BANDIT”** *Fulton Guevara-Zambrano placed in removal proceedings.*

**NEW YORK, N.Y.-** ICE special agents this morning arrested Fulton Guevara-Zambrano, better known in the New York area as the “Zucchini Bandit.”

Guevara was arrested without incident at his residence in North Bergen, N.J., and has been placed in removal proceedings. In 1996, Guevara robbed a man of \$20 and a wristwatch by telling him he had a gun in his pocket. After being caught by New York police, it was discovered that Guevara’s “gun” was actually a zucchini and he was dubbed “the zucchini bandit.”

New York ICE Deputy Special Agent-in-Charge Salvatore Dalessandro said, “GUEVARA-Zambrano is a dangerous felon and today we have taken him off the streets. Today our communities are a little safer because of his arrest and because of ICE’s commitment to insure the integrity of the immigration system.”

Guevara-Zambrano, who has six felony convictions, had most recently been sentenced to 18 years to life for attempted robbery. Guevara had been a priority target for ICE since his release from jail in January 2002.

ICE special agents arrested Guevara on administrative charges as a deportable criminal alien. The arrest occurred during an operation by the U.S. Marshal’s New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force, of which ICE is a member.

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